

Senior Nutrition Program wins national Meals on Wheels award

Oneida County Senior Nutrition Program is among six winners across the state of the March For Meals campaign awards for exemplary service to the senior citizens in their communities.

The awards, sponsored by the Meals On Wheels Association of America, were also presented to:

The Cortland County Nutrition Program, Onondaga County Department of Aging & Youth, Meals on Wheels Monroe County, Meals on Wheels of Chemung County and Cattaraugus County Council of Aging.

"These awards are a great honor for these counties, and they demonstrate the commitment to caring for the needs of the seniors in their communities," said New York State Association of Counties Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "Much of the work that counties do on a day-to-day basis is invisible to the public. Meals on Wheels is one of those programs that mostly operates outside of the public eye, but it provides square meals to seniors who would likely not have access to vital nutrition."

March For Meals is an annual national campaign designed to increase public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase funding for Members of the Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) Member local Senior Nutrition Programs.

An Office for the Aging spokeswoman said those interested in helping should call contractor Prestige Services Inc. at 768-5635 Ext 5. Help is always needed for deliveries throughout Oneida County as well as the main kitchen in New York Mills and packing site as well as delivery routes.

"It is through the coordination of county programs like Meals on Wheels that more and more of older New Yorkers will be able to stay healthy and in their homes as they age," said Michael Burgess, Director of the New York State Office for the Aging.

MOWAA officials say it is the oldest and largest national organization in the United States representing those programs that provide meals to people in need. To obtain more information or to locate a local Meals On Wheels program, visit the MOWAA website at www.mowaa.org.

The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving all 62 counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC's mission is to represent, educate and advocate for member counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.